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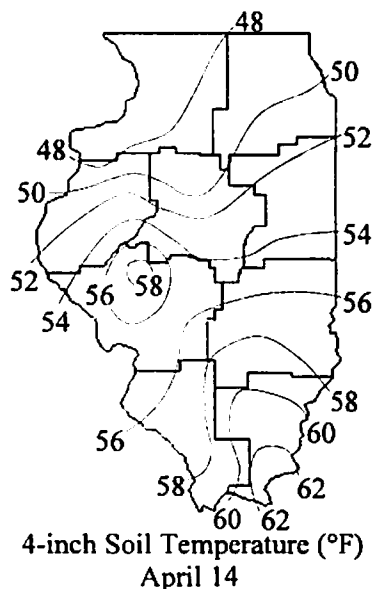
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## Agricultural Summary

Wet soil conditions continue to have planters setting in the sheds. Despite warmer temperatures, fields have been too wet for farmers to get much corn planted. Rain continued during the first half of the week dumping anywhere from less than an inch of rain in the central part of the state to over three inches of rain in some southern areas of the state. There were only 1.5 days suitable for fieldwork in which farmers were applying nitrogen, seeding oats and alfalfa, and very limited acres of corn were planted. Topsoil moisture statewide was rated two percent short, 63 percent adequate and 35 percent surplus. The condition of the wheat crop continues to improve as it comes out of dormancy and was rated 20 percent excellent, 53 percent good, 24 percent fair and three percent poor. Other activities being completed last week included hauling grain, taking delivery on seed, completing maintenance on machinery and last minute taxes.

### Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 2002	: 2001	: 5-Year Average
April 14			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Planted	1	4	5
<b>OATS:</b>			
Planted	47	51	64



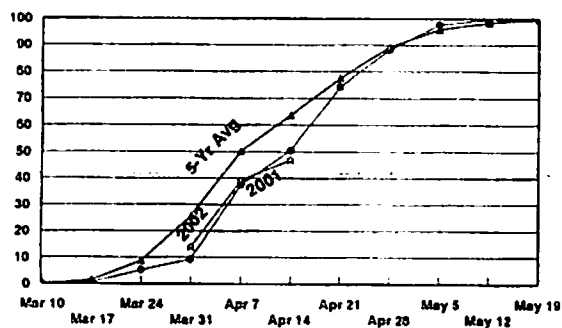
### Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
		April 12			
Winter Wheat	-	3	24	53	20
Alfalfa	-	1	24	67	8
Pasture	-	6	25	60	9

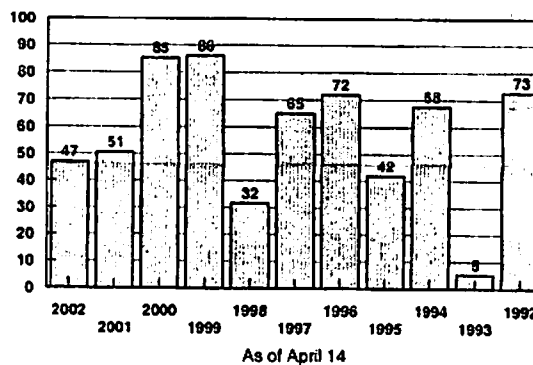
### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	: Days Suitable for Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Topsoil Moisture Short : Adequate : Surplus
	April 6 - April 12		April 12
Northwest	1.1	-	1 87 12
Northeast	1.3	-	- 83 17
West	1.5	-	10 65 25
Central	1.4	-	- 81 19
East	1.1	-	1 68 31
W. Southwest	2.9	1	3 74 22
E. Southeast	1.5	-	- 34 66
Southwest	2.2	-	- 22 78
Southeast	1.2	-	- 19 81
State	1.5	-	2 63 35

**Oats - Percent Seeded  
Illinois**



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# Weather Information Table

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation	Growing Degree Days
April 8 - 14					
<b>Northwest:</b>					
Freeport	75	35	4	2.18	17
Kewanee	76	32	3	1.69	16
Moline	77	37	4	1.85	28
Mount Carroll	78	33	6	1.70	27
Paw Paw	74	33	4	1.29	12
Rochelle	75	35	2	2.03	13
Rockford	75	34	5	2.01	25
<b>Northeast:</b>					
Aurora	74	34	5	1.47	22
Chicago	75	34	6	1.23	29
Lake Villa	73	34	5	1.47	15
McHenry	74	32	4	1.46	18
Morris	76	35	5	1.70	28
Ottawa	78	35	3	1.41	26
Park Forest	76	35	6	1.96	30
<b>West:</b>					
Galesburg	76	36	3	1.59	22
Prairie City	78	38	3	1.59	27
Quincy	78	41	4	1.51	36
<b>Central:</b>					
Bloomington	81	38	5	1.02	44
Decatur	77	37	6	0.93	55
Havana	78	33	0	1.14	20
Lincoln	77	35	4	1.05	35
Peoria	77	36	5	1.42	37
<b>East:</b>					
Champaign	77	34	7	0.98	52
Pontiac	76	36	4	0.98	26
<b>West Southwest:</b>					
Carlinville	79	39	4	1.25	48
Morrisonville	76	39	4	1.21	41
Springfield	77	37	6	0.91	55
<b>East Southeast:</b>					
Effingham	79	35	6	1.79	54
Flora	80	37	8	1.19	79
Hutsonville	80	36	5	1.18	54
Iuka	79	35	4	1.72	52
Newton	76	36	5	1.14	44
Paris	77	36	6	3.78	52
Windsor	78	39	8	1.80	69
<b>Southwest:</b>					
Carbondale	79	38	7	2.95	77
Lebanon	80	40	4	1.57	58
Steeleville	81	35	2	1.57	55
<b>Southeast:</b>					
Benton	83	40	6	2.21	72
Grayville	80	38	4	2.27	61
Mt Vernon	79	40	6	3.15	59

Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.  
Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

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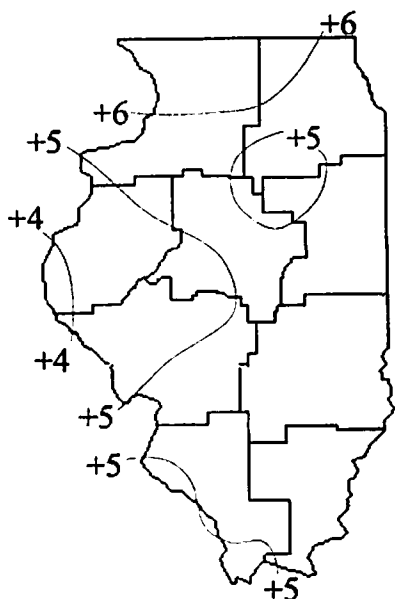
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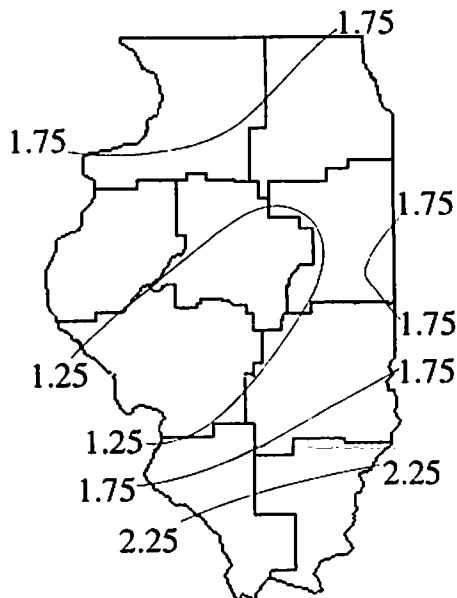
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Temperature (°F) Departure  
April 8 - 14



Precipitation (in.) Total  
April 8 - 14

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